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Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting: October 14, 2009
@ 31 Arbor Way

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Commission Chair Gordon Oliver. In attendance: Commission members Bob Larew, Tom Boscarino, Hunter Giroux, Tom Neeson and Kevin Hayes. Also in attendance: Bob Tedford, Recreation Director; Jeff DeLand, 20 Brockway Road, Ellington.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

III. REVIEW/APPROVE SEPT. 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES.

- 1) The members' present approved the meeting minutes of Sept. 9, 2009.

MOTION: Made by K. Hayes and seconded by T. Boscarino. VOTE: 6-0 IN FAVOR.

- 2) Review: Aug. 17, 2009 meeting minutes: Item #4 under the review of Chapter 116: Town ordinances: The word 'limited' should be deleted and replaced with the word: "prohibited"; Item #4 should read: Dog access (at Arbor Park) will be prohibited during town scheduled events: ie: farmer's market, summer concerts, etc.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM:

- 1) Little League (boy's baseball) representative Jeff DeLand provided a detailed explanation to the commission in regard to a proposal to install (3) new irrigation systems on the following baseball fields at Brookside Park: M-1; M-2; farm league. According to Mr. DeLand, discussions have been held with the BOS and informally with the BOF, in terms of defining the contractual obligations for covering the CT Water Company invoices, future repairs and securing an approval from the DPW for installation of the system in at least one field in the FALL of 2009.

MOTION: Made by H. Giroux and seconded by T. Neeson to accept/support the recommendation of the Ellington Little league organization, with the assumption that ALL required permits will be filed and approved, and with the understanding that the Parks and Recreation Commission is not in a position to provide any funding to this project. VOTE: 6-0 IN FAVOR.

- 2) Mr. DeLand also reviewed the proposed mini-plan to level and reconstruct some of the baseball fields at Brookside Park. With the understanding that Director of Public Works will be contacted and his support requested, the commission offered support to the concept.

MOTION: Made by K. Hayes and seconded by G. Oliver to approve the concept /request of the Ellington LL boys' baseball program to level and reconstruct various baseball fields at Brookside Park. VOTE: 6-0 IN FAVOR.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

VI. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1) Items listed on the agenda were reviewed.
- 2) NEW request: Ellington has been invited to participate in a pre-game (8 minute) scrimmage prior to a Boston Celtics game (NBA) at the Fleet Center. Fee is \$75 per person and 75 tickets are available, and players, coaches and parents on the 8th and 7th grade boys' teams, respectively, will be offered first choice. Any tickets remaining will be offered to Ellington residents. In order to reduce the cost of the ticket, the commission reached a consensus to approve a fundraiser to be designed by the Recreation Director and K. Hayes, Head Coach of the boy's 8th grade travel team.
- 3) 2010-11 Capital Improvement package/budget: due Nov. 6, 2009.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Finance
- 2) Maintenance
- 3) Outdoor facilities: The Buy-A-Brick program has generated over \$7000 in sales, and the installation of the new bricks (on the Brookside Park playground) will take place on Nov. 2-3, 2009.
- 4) Operations

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Ordinance review: B. Tedford recommended that the commission follow-up with the First Selectman's office relative to the meeting minutes of Aug. 17, 2009 as it pertained to:
 - a) Arbor Park: animal access.
 - b) Consideration of prohibiting the use of tobacco on town property.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ADJOURN:

Motion: Made by T. Boscarino and seconded by K. Hayes to adjourn at 8:45pm. VOTE: 6-0 IN FAVOR.

Submitted by:

Bob Tedford